

THE SPRINGS

at Crystal Lake Rehab Center

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator,
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board,
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor,
Springfield, IL. 62761

Re: Transformative Health Care of McHenry Project No. 18-016

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing on behalf of The Springs at Crystal Lake in opposition to the above project and to express my concern about the negative impact it would have on our facility. We are a 97 bed Skilled Nursing Facility with a history of providing high quality services with excellent outcomes to the community. We are accredited by JCAHO and recognized by US News & World Report as a "Best in State" facility, rated 19th out of 73 Illinois facilities who made the list. We are constantly investing in the physical plant to ensure that our residents enjoy all the latest amenities and furnishings in a modern setting with the latest décor.

Our facility is just 7 minutes from the applicants proposed site. Our current utilization is well below the Board's target of 90%. The utilization of the other facilities in the area are below the Board's target as well. The applicant states that their referrals will come from Centegra Hospital which is the Hospital where the area facilities currently receive the overwhelming majority of their admissions, as such it is clear that this project would have a devastating impact on our facility and the other area facilities. **In addition there is a new 170 bed facility opening in Huntley which will be getting referrals from the same hospital as well.** There is clearly no need for this project.

The applicant states that our facility does not accept Medicaid residents. This is a **false statement** as our facility is certified for 97 Medicaid beds and it is obvious by the


underutilization of all area facilities that there is no restrictive access for Medicaid beds in the area.

The applicant states as well that the project is needed to address the "rapid growth" in population in McHenry County based on estimated population growth over 5 years of 11.8% in the County. In actuality there has been virtually no growth in recent years to justify a new facility.

The Boards Bed Inventory, states that the McHenry planning area has a calculated **excess of 33 beds**. We ask the Board to consider the fact that this project, if approved, will cause unnecessary duplication/maldistribution of services. The unquestionable likelihood that the establishment of a new facility will yield even more facilities that are being underutilized which could be the demise of an existing facility.

We appreciate the Board's time and effort to consider these matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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